## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jun MASUDA et al CONF. NO. SERIAL NO.: NEW APPLICATION ART UNIT: FILING DATE: September 20, 2006 EXAMINER: FOR: METAL MATERIAL FOR PARTS OF CASTING MACHINE, MOLTEN ALUMINUM ALLOY-CONTACT MEMBER AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THEM REQUEST FOR PRIORITY ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS September 20, 2006 PO BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450 SIR:  $\Box$ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number NEW APPLICATION, filed September 20, 2006, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.  $\Box$ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number . filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e). X Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below. In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority: COUNTRY APPLICATION NUMBER MONTH/DAY/YEAR Japan 2004-082990 March 22, 2004 Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)  $\Box$ are submitted herewith  $\Box$ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee were filed in prior application Serial No. filed Ø were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Respectfully submitted. DLA PIPER US LLB

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